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SUBJECT: SFCP JOINT FUND RESEARCH PROJECTS

REF: A. STATE 019924, B. STATE 009096

1. WHILE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN CHOWANIEC AND SCIATT HAVE REDUCED AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT ON JOINT-FUND POLICY, ISSUE OF PAYMENTS FOR ONGOING PROJECTS WITH AGENCIES NOT HAVING MULTI-YEAR FUNDING AUTHORITY, I.E., INTERIOR AND NBS, STILL REMAINS UNRESOLVED. CHOWANIEC ARGUES FACT THAT THESE AGENCIES MUST MAKE NEW OBLIGATIONS EACH YEAR TO CONTINUE PROJECTS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE GROUNDS FOR INCLUDING SUCH PAYMENTS WITHIN JOIN FUND. HE CLAIMS AGENCIES HAD ENTERED INTO "COMMITMENT" TO CONTINUE FUNDING SUCH PROJECTS EVEN THOUGH GRANT DOCUMENTS ONLY REFLECT ANNUAL OBLIGATIONS. DESPITE REPEATED REQUESTS, CHOWANIEC COULD NOT SUPPORT HIS CLAIMS BY PRODUCING WRITTEN PROOF THAT AGENCIES MADE OR IMPLIED MULTI-YEAR FUNDING COMMITMENTS.

2. IN VIEW OF THE IMPASSE REACHED WITH CHOWANIEC, THE AMBASSADOR PLANS RAISE JOINT-FUND ISSUE WITH VICE MINISTER SPASOWSKI IN NEXT FEW DAYS. AMBASSADOR PLANS TO
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SAY THAT POLISH SIDE HAS BEEN UNNECESSARILY DELAYING IMPL-

MENTATION OF JOINT FUND THROUGH HAIR-SPLITTING ON DEFINITION OF NEW VERSUS OLD PROJECTS AND THAT WE BELIEVE U.S. POSITION HAS BEEN CLEARLY AND FAIRLY STATED IN GREENBERG TO CHOWANIEC LETTER (REF B). AMBASSADOR WILL ALSO POINT OUT THAT ALL MONIES THE U.S. HENCEFORTH OBLIGATES OUTSIDE FUND WILL REDUCE FUND BY FACTOR OF TWO.

3. IF SPASOWSKI SUPPORTS CHOWANIEC'S CLAIMS RE INTERIOR AND NBS PROJECTS, WE SUGGEST THE AMBASSADOR MAKE THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL: THE POLISH SIDE SHOULD PREPARE A LIST OF THE PROJECTS IN QUESTION, INDICATING FOR EACH PROJECT WHAT IT BELIEVES TO BE THE TOTAL OUTSTANDING "COMMITMENTS" BY U.S. AGENCIES. SUBJECT TO A REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY U.S. AGENCIES, THE U.S. SIDE WOULD AGREE TO FUND SUCH OUTSTANDING AMOUNTS OUTSIDE THE JOINT FUND, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS WOULD REDUCE TOTAL U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND. THE POLES WOULD THEN AGREE IN WRITING TO THE CRITERIA FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE JOINT FUND FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS AS STATED IN THE GREENBERG/CHOWANIEC LETTER. (FYI: ACCORDING TO THE BEST EMBASSY ESTIMATES, OUTSTANDING "COMMITMENTS" ON ALL ONGOING INTERIOR AND NBS PROJECTS ARE SLIGHTLY UNDER TEN MILLION ZLOTYS. PROJECTS IN QUESTION ARE: INTERIOR 14-01-0001-1428,1430,1431,1432,1440,1441, AND 1443; NBS 181").

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST DEPARTMENT AND AGENCIES CONCUR IN ISSUANCE OF PROPOSAL, IF NECESSARY, TO SPASOWSKI AS OUTLINED PARA THREE.
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